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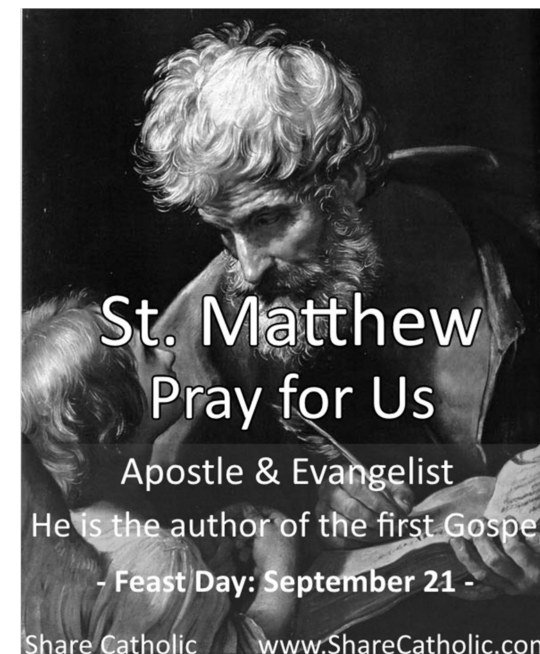
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# St. Mary and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes

September 18, 2022 ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**St. Mary Parish**  
607 East Main Street  
Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851  
814-653-8586  
**Email:** stmaryschurch2@verizon.net

**Shared contact information:**

**Web address:**

[www.stmarysassumption.com](http://www.stmarysassumption.com)

**Parish app:** Text "APP" to 55321

**Fax number:** 814-653-2769

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**  
20 Shaffer Street (P.O. Box J)  
Sykesville, Pennsylvania 15865  
814-894-2772 Social Hall 814-894-7981  
**Email:** abvmchurch20@gmail.com

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Richard R. Siefer, E.V.

**Senior Associate:** Rev. Edward Walk

**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Benjamin Dagher

**Deacon:** Deacon Stephen D. Rowan

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, Sept 19—Assumption** **8:00am**  
Deceased members of the Princess Marie Lodge

**Tuesday, Sept 20—Assumption** **8:00am**  
Elsie Gigliotti  
By Janet & John Stormer

Wednesday, Sept 21— **No Mass**

**Thursday, Sept. 22 — No Mass**

**Friday, Sept. 23 – No Mass**

**Saturday, Sept. 24—St Marys** **5:00pm**  
Peach Wells  
By her Family

**Sunday, Sept. 25 - Assumption** **\*\*8:00am**  
George Sonnie  
By Mom & Dad

**Sunday, Sept. 25 - St. Marys** **\*\*10:00am**  
All Parishioners of both Parishes

\*\* - New Mass Times

## Sacrificial Giving

<u>Sept 11</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
Collection	\$1,756.82	\$2,359.00
Electronic Giving	460.00	215.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## CSA—Catholic Services Appeal

<u>2022</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Assumption</u>
CSA Goal	\$22,168.00	\$20,587.00
CSA Pledged	\$20,235.00	\$18,620.00
CSA Paid	\$16,845.00	\$14,973.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## Sanctuary Candles

### In Memory of :

<b>Joe Dickey</b>	by Doug & Darla
<b>Beth Matusky Javens</b>	by Mom & Dad
<b>Ethel Baughman</b>	by Cheryl, Ron, & Maddie Hannah
	by Mary Hannah
<b>Charles H. McGranor</b>	by Jerry McGranor
<b>Wm. Peggnetter</b>	by Barb & Girls
<b>Richard Peggnetter, Jr.</b>	by Barb & Family
<b>Mary Delaney</b>	by Jim & Darla Shaffer
<b>Doug Smelko</b>	by Mom & Dad
<b>In Honor of Little Henry White</b>	by Nana & Papa
<b>Special Intention</b>	by Barb & Family

## Ministers Schedule for September 24-25, 2022

	<b>5:00pm</b> (St. Mary)	<b>8:00am</b> (ABVM)	<b>10:00am</b> (St Mary)
<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>M. King</b>		<b>D, Mullins</b>
<b>Eucharist Minister</b>	<b>B. Murray</b>	<b>Deacon Steve</b>	<b>C. McGranor</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>L. Shaddock</b>	<b>M. Carlson</b>	<b>D. Dennison</b>

## Information

### Prayer Chain

St Mary 653-2752  
Assumption 661-3894

### Catholic Education Collection:

Today is the 2022 Catholic Education Collection! Please support this important program that funds faith formation opportunities. Half of what you give will remain in the parishes to support religious education and faith formation programs. You can make a gift by using the envelope provided in your offertory packet or online at [www.ErieRCD.org/Catholic-Education-Collection.html](http://www.ErieRCD.org/Catholic-Education-Collection.html). Thank you!

## The Parish Spotlight ~ The Feast of Saint Matthew: Apostle & Evangelist Sept. 21

*“Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do... I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.” – Matthew 9:12-13*

Jesus shocked the religious teachers of his day in many ways; perhaps one of the most prominent examples was his association with sinners. Chief among these was Matthew, a tax collector. His commitment to follow Christ demonstrates that God has the power to transform the most depraved sinner into a saint for his glory. On September 21, we celebrate the feast of this sinner-turned saint, Saint Matthew the Apostle.

**A Tax Collector’s Reputation:** In ancient times, tax collectors were notorious for being dishonest, greedy individuals. They would often exploit taxpayers by exacting more than was required by the state and pocketing the difference for themselves. This behavior earned tax collectors a great deal of enmity from the public. Negative public opinion of Matthew may also have been exacerbated by his lineage: as a Galilean son of the tribe of Levi, he was likely viewed as sympathetic to the occupying Romans.

But Matthew’s example of faith demonstrates that Jesus can redeem any sinner. When Jesus first saw Matthew at his customs post, he said “Follow me.” Matthew’s response was one of immediate obedience – he directly abandoned his position and became one of Jesus’ disciples.

Given the unfavorable status of tax collectors, many in the community were critical when they heard that Jesus dined with Matthew:

*While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” He heard this and said, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.” – Matthew 9:10-13*

Saint Matthew’s Gospel:

Though little else is known about the life of St. Matthew, we know that he was close to Jesus, becoming an apostle and authoring one of the four gospel accounts. The Gospel according to Matthew was likely written for a Christianized Jewish audience, evidenced by its distinctive continuity with Hebrew tradition and the Old Testament. The account contains nearly one hundred references to and nearly sixty direct quotations from the Old Testament. A clear theme of fulfillment is evident throughout. One such example is in Matthew 1:22-23: he mentions that Jesus’ birth took place to fulfill the prophecy foretold by Isaiah.

Saint Matthew the Apostle serves as an example that Christ came to save *all* who are lost – the greatest of sinners chief amongst them. “For those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do” (Matthew 9:13).

Saint Matthew is the patron saint of bookkeepers and bankers.

**\*\*\*SUNDAY MASS CHANGES: Beginning Sunday, September 11, 2022 the Mass time at Assumption in Sykesville will begin at 8:00 a.m. and at St. Mary's in Reynoldsville the Mass time will begin at 10:00 a.m. This change has been made to give our children plenty of time to get to their Faith Formation classes at Central Catholic in DuBois at 11:30 a.m. Classes will begin on that Sunday, September 11.**

**\*\*\*NO BINGO TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>. BINGO WILL RESUME NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>.**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:** Beginning Saturday, September 17, 2022, the following will be the times for Confessions at our five churches:

St. Bernard- Saturday, 3:45-4:15 p.m.

St. Catherine- Saturday, 3:00-3:30 p.m.

St. Mary- Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m.

St. Michael- Wednesday, 7:15-7:45 a.m.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** St. Bernard Church, Falls Creek, Famous Spaghetti Dinner, the first one of the season, will be on Sunday, September 18. Dinner will be served in the dining hall and take-out dinners will be available 11am-1pm or until sold out. Sauce and meatballs only will be available for take-out on Saturday, September 17, after the 4:30pm Mass and after the 8am Mass on Sunday. The new prices are \$10/dinner, \$1/meatball and \$6/quart of sauce. Please bring your own containers for take-out.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT # 890** will be holding its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 19 at 6:30pm at the St. Mary's Social Hall. We will start by reciting the Rosary and Deacon Steve will be there for a casual Question and Answer period about the Catholic Faith. We will also have a book exchange so bring one you have read and take home a new one to read. Hope to see you there. Any questions please call Angela Deemer 590-4634

**\*\*\*KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be holding a pancake breakfast on **October 1st from 7-11** or until sold out, in the social hall at St. Mary's church. Thank you for your support of the breakfast.

**K OF C SECOND ANNUAL ROSARY IN THE PARK:** The Knights of Columbus will be holding a public Rosary at Showers Field in DuBois on Sunday October 9 at 1 pm. The Rosary will be lead by Deacon Dan Satterlee. The intentions are for pro-life, since October is Pro-Life Month. In addition we will be praying for World peace and for those who have left the faith, that they will return and that all who currently practice the faith will persevere to the end as well as your own private intentions. The Knights of Columbus 4th degree color corp will be on hand in dress uniform. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in this beautiful prayerful event. Please join us as we lift our minds and hearts in prayer to our God with the help of our Heavenly Mother.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #935** is seeking new members anyone wanting or have any questions please contact Mike Fye Grand Knight at 814-590-4637. We are a community minded mens group that work hard to support the following Reynoldsville food pantry, special olympics both local and state level, Boy scouts, we work with Dynamic Catholics book program, our baby bottle program we support Young people who care Frenchville Catholic charities DuBois and Central Christians pro life trip and coats for kids at CG Johnson and Pinecreek twp elementary and so many other things so if you truly want to help people we are the mens group to join. Thank you, Michael Fye

**ONLINE GIVING:** Visit our parish website on the homepage and click on your parish icon to take you to the portal for online giving registration, or press the icon on the myParishApp called giving to take you to the portal.

### **ST. MARY'S NEWS**

**"WRAPPED IN LOVE-COVERED IN PRAYER" BLANKET MINISTRY:** Do you know anyone in need of spiritual support during their time of trial or joy? Try presenting them with a prayer blanket. You can obtain one by contacting Peg Pennington at 814-371-0928. You will most likely get her answering machine, so be sure to leave your name and phone number so that she can get back to you. Peg will ask you a few questions to help determine which blanket best suits the person you are giving it to. Although there is no charge for our blankets, donations to our ministry are always welcome.

### **ASSUMPTION'S NEWS**

**A.B.V.M. ROSARY SOCIETY FALL BAZAAR** – Anyone who would like to donate any items for baskets for the fall bazaar may do so until the weekend of September 24/25<sup>th</sup>. Items needed are; Baking Pans, Icing, cake mixes, dish towels, dish detergent, etc. The church is opened daily from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. You may drop your item/items in the Parishioners Aid Center during the week if you wish to do so. Any questions, please call Josephine 814-371-0725. Thank You in advance for your generosity in this annual fundraiser!!

**A.B.V.M. ROSARY SOCIETY** will be doing a Pie Fundraiser in October from the Pie Shoppe. Delivery for pies & pumpkin rolls will be November 16<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Thanksgiving!

**ANYONE WISHING** to help the Rosary Society sell tickets for the Fall Bazaar and is not a member, may do so by signing the book with your name and how many books of tickets you took to sell. The tickets are in the Parishioners Aid Center. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser!

**CEMETERY FALL CLEAN UP** – We are getting to the end of grass cutting season and the grass cutters would like to get the Cemetery Cleaned up for the winter months. **If there is anything you would like to keep from the summer season that is in front of your grave/graves, please take it off. Anything that is on the Headstones will not be touched. Only the item/items that on are the ground will be taken! Thank You!**